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Applicant : Satoshi KUME et al.
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AMENDMENT

June 1, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, please amend the same as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace original pages 1-23 with the attached Substitute Specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 and rewrite the subject matter as new claim 15 as follows:

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--15. An ultrasonic sealing apparatus, in which a laminated packaging material containing at least a thermoplastic resin layer is formed into a tubular form and the tubular laminated packaging material is transversely ultrasonically sealed, said ultrasonic sealing apparatus comprising: